Priority:

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action, a translation of the priority document is requested in order to avoid a declaration of interference by the Office. Accordingly, a certified translation of the priority document is submitted concurrently with this Amendment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,025,490 to Tamura. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 recites a display apparatus having a display screen, comprising: a stacked film attached to a front surface of the display screen, said stacked film comprising in sequence a base layer, a hard coat layer, a conductive film layer, and a dielectric film layer; and a conductive tape including a conductive base and a conductive sticky layer; wherein said conductive sticky layer has a specific electrical resistance; and one end of said conductive tape is stuck on said dielectric film via said conductive sticky layer and the other end of said conductive tape is electrically grounded.

In this manner, for example as depicted in Figs. 1-2, a front surface of a CRT 1 is coated with a stacked film 7. The stacked film is electrically grounded by attaching an electrically conductive tape 8 to both the surface of the stacked film 7 and the band 6. The stacked film 7 is shown in Fig. 4, having a plastic base 9, a hard coat 10 on top of the base 9, a transparent conductive film 11 on top of the hard coat 10, and an anti-reflection (dielectric) film 12 on top of the transparent conductive film 11.

The layers, in order, are:

2 panel portion
9 plastic base
10 hard coat (e.g. resin)
11 transparent conductive film
12 anti-reflection (dielectric) film
8 conductive tape

The Office Action alleges that U. S. Patent 5,025,490 to Tamura teaches all of the claim 1 elements. Tamura '490 shows in Fig. 1 a multi-layer arrangement as follows:

7 panel portion of CRT
8 bonding agent (e.g. resin)
1 transparent, electrical insulating layer, e.g. glass
2 transparent, electrically conductive layer
3 anti-reflection layer
4 electrode unit (optional)
6 conductive adhesive tape
11 protective tape (optional)

It becomes readily apparent that the difference appears to be in the sequence of the layers, the addition of an insulating layer between the bonding agent 8 and the transparent electrically conductive layer 2. Specifically, Tamura '490 discloses **a transparent electrical conducting layer 1 between the bonding agent 8 and the transparent electrically conductive layer 2**.

Accordingly, the claimed display apparatus is not disclosed, taught or suggested in Tamura '490.

A document can only anticipate a claim if the document discloses, explicitly or implicitly, each and every feature recited in the claim. Verdegall Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of Calif., 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Since Tamura '490 fails to disclose, either explicitly or implicitly, at least the above-noted feature recited in independent claim 1, Tamura '490 cannot anticipate the claim. At least in view of the foregoing, claim 1 is allowable, and the rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Dependent claims 5-6 are also allowable as depending from an allowable base claim, as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of this §102 rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,025,490 to Tamura. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Dependent claim 2 is also allowable as depending from an allowable base claim, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of this §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,025,490 to Tamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,757,117 to Hirasawa et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Dependent claim 3 is also allowable as depending from an allowable base claim, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of this §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,025,490 to Tamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,091,244 to Bionard. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Dependent claim 4 is also allowable as depending from an allowable base claim, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of this §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 1-7 in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If the examiner has any comments or suggestions that would place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim 1 is set forth in a marked-up version below:

1. (amended) A display apparatus having a display screen, comprising:

a stacked film attached to a front surface of the display screen, said stacked film comprising in sequence a base layer, a hard coat layer, a conductive film [stuck on said display screen;]layer, and a dielectric film [formed on the surface of said conductive film]layer; and

a conductive tape including a conductive base and a conductive sticky layer;

wherein said conductive sticky layer has a specific electrical resistance; and

one end of said conductive tape is stuck on said dielectric film via said conductive sticky layer and the other end of said conductive tape is electrically grounded.